Are you taking over or are you taking orders?...

R.A.S.H. UPDATE

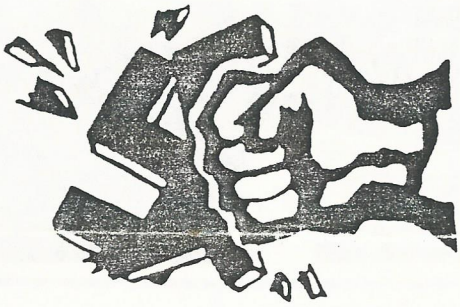
#3/#4 (Double-Barrel Action Issue!) May-August 1993

This update is dedicated to the memory of Guillem Agullo, a SHARP skin stabbed to death by boneheads on March 11, 1993 in Montanejos, Castellon, Spain. You will never be forgotten!

RASH SKINS IN ACTION...

AT THE NATIONAL GAY & LESBIAN LIBERATION MARCH...

As stated last update, on April 25th there was a national March on Washington in support of Lesbian, Gay and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation. We put out a call for RASH skins from different cities to show support by attending, and the response was good. Although small, our contingent included skins and supporters from New York, Cincinnati and the Boston area. We had a huge banner reading "Anti-Racist Skinheads and Punx Against Homophobia" (quite a few punks marched with us). The banner (& our contingent) raised a definite reaction from observers, most of whom cheered wildly when we passed (the banner also seems to have found itself in more photos than we can count, including INTERVIEW magazine!).



The March overall was excellent. It was well-attended, lively (at times it had the atmosphere of a festival), & everyone got along. The high point of the March for us had to be when we passed by the Christian counter-demonstrators and saw two boneheads holding signs reading "Fags Stay in the Closet". We confronted them, and scared the shit out of them. Had the cops not been there, we would have torn them limb from limb and brought their heads home on a platter.

At the rally afterwards, we had hundreds of people approach us to find out what we were about. This yielded some excellent new contacts, from skins, punks, mods, scooter boys & many others. During and after the March, we passed out thousands of copies of our flier "Don't Judge a Book By Its Cover...", and the reaction was excellent (the flier is included with this mailing). Our presence in the March gave RASH an opportunity to reach out to people, and prove that not all skins are racist, queerbashing thugs. Although the name of skinheads has not been cleared in the the queer community (due to negative actions by boneheads and idiots who continue to queerbash and hold homophobic attitudes), we did change some people's minds. The exposure we received was positive, the contacts we made were genuine and we put into practice or belief that all struggles against oppression are linked.

...& THE MID-ATLANTIC ANARCHIST GATHERING

The weekend of July 30-August 2 the Mid-Atlantic Regional Anarchist Gathering was held in Philadelphia, PA. 8 MAYDAY skins and friends attended in order to participate, show support and network. Although not all of MAYDAY are anarchists (about half of us are socialists or left-leaning), gathering participants were very friendly to us.

The weekend included over 25 workshops on topics such as Anti-Racist Organizing, Anarchy 101, Prisoner Support, Anarchism & Black Liberation and much, much more. There was time set aside for networking by topic & region, and there were numerous book-sellers and literature tables.

Some MAYDAY skins helped to coordinate the well-attended Anti-Racist Activism workshop. Although due to time restraints the level of discussion remained fairly tame (focusing on what angle to use when attacking racism), we did make some useful contacts and got out some information.

Next, we did a presentation on the History of Skinheads. MAYDAY members talked for an hour, and there was an hour's worth of questions and answers. The workshop had upwards of 30 people, including Oi! punks, anarchists, & ex-skinheads. We got some new addresses for our mailing list, and passed out a pile of literature.

The weekend also saw two "Skinhead vs. Anarchist" soccer matches. Although teams were not that clearly defined, both games were action packed and ended in tie scores of 2-2 and 3-3. We even had a pool party at the Ramada Hotel hung with the Boston @'s.

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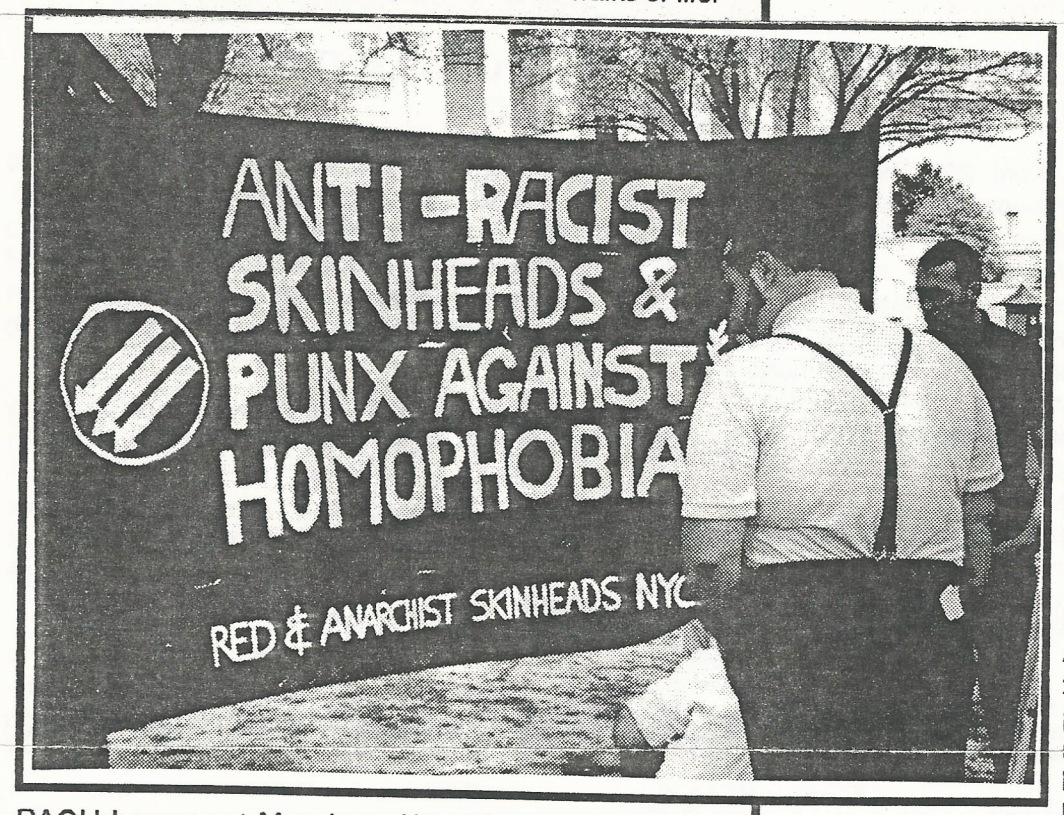
The high point for us had to be the "Skinhead Reggae, Ska-N-Soul" dancehall that we DJed. Attended by about 35 people, we spun records for 5 hours. People skanked the night away, and the atmosphere was free from the tensions that normally stalk Ska shows and dancehalls (everyone acting like comrades, getting drunk & being happy).

On a final note we had a few brief encounters with Philadelphia UNITED FRONT skins (see seperate article). Some were genuinely anti-racist, while others confirmed the "unity" approach that we've been wary of.

Overall, this was a very worthwhile trip. Although we narrowly avoided fights twice (with drunk gutter punks who insisted on throwing bottles during the punk shows), we received a highly positive response and encouragement from anarchists & anti-authoritarians from all walks of life.



RASH banner at March on Washington 4/25/93

A.D.L. REPORT

The Anti-Defamation League of B'Nai B'rith (a watchdog group which monitors racist & anti-semitic activities) recently released a 1993 report on Skinheads, titled "YOUNG NAZI KILLERS". The report states boneheads are the most violent section of the white supremacist movement, responsible for 22 killings in the last three years, and active in 40 States (the ADL estimates there are 3,500 boneheads active in 160 gangs). Any anti-racist skin knows these numbers are on the low side, but the report is still significant for counter-intelligence information (much of which we plan on reprinting in future RASH UPDATES. Copies are available from MAYDAY for $2. + 2 stamps.

NETWORK UPDATE

The RASH network has been expanding at an incredible rate. We continue to be flooded with mail from interested skins & supporters across the world, begun corresponding with comrades in France, Northern Ireland, Australia & the UK, and have mailed information to left-wing skins in Spain, Portugal, Germany, Italy, & Poland.

In addition, since our last mailing we've added 6 new crews and contacts to the RASH network. We'd like to welcome aboard the folks from Minneapolis, Cincinnati, & Massachusetts;Ottawa & Hamilton in Canada, and Bogota in Colombia. The energy level right now is very high, and hopefully all these new people will yield more bootboy (and girl) powered zines, bands, projects and most importantly ACTION.

Another positive development is the attention we've been paid in certain areas of the progressive media. While many groups & publications continue to ignore our mailings, others have frequently run info on RASH, and a few have even offered physical support to us in any ways they can. This has included RASH members being asked to speak at workshops, and asked to participate in demonstrations & other activities. We'd like to publicly thank all those non-skinhead RASH supporters who have helped get things moving;solidarity truly is our strength.

With so much positive news, it looks to be a long, hot Fall. Already in the works are a RASH zine, a planning conference, pins, patches, shirts, tape comps. and much more. At this rate, the next RASH update should be 20 pages long!

ROMPER STOMPER...

... is a film about Nazi Skinheads in Australia. A bunch of us from MAYDAY went to go see it, and it gets...a big thumbs down. The film is realistic, and the director does a good job of portraying boneheads accurately (right down to their bad dress sense), but the lack of analysis of why nazis do what they do ends up glorify their activities instead of condemning (or even exploring) them. We recommend people see it, but don't expect much. It's just another movie giving all skins a bad name.

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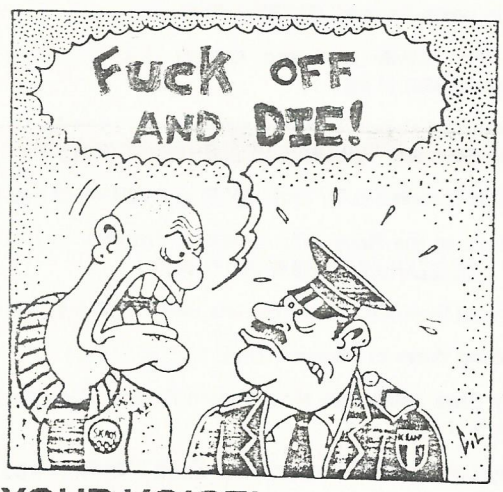
UNITED FRONT?

The UNITED FRONT is a national skinhead organization that originated in Fort Bragg, NC from a bunch of skins in the military. They take what seems to be the emerging "non-racist" position, meaning they don't consider themselves racists but they don't feel skinheads have an obligation to be anti-racist, or to fight racism. The group is dedicated to "bringing skinhead unity and pride back to its original meaning" (meaning what?). As one of their fliers states, their goal is not to "go out and bash racists, but rather to keep them from taking over our scene". They plan on doing this through zines, bands, shirts, concerts and more.

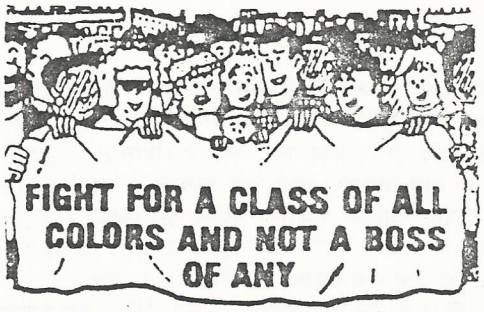
While this may sound cool at first, we in MAYDAY remain skeptical. We've received several letters from UF central, and members across the country. While none are overtly racist, many UFers seem to be into the idea of "unity", meaning they'd hang out with boneheads, but wouldn't agree with them. The UF seems to be unsure of where it stands on many issues. Their idea is to unite all skinhead crews "under one banner", but as Red & @ Skins we would likely not be welcome in their organization (they're quite the little patriots, and at times put the Boy Scouts to shame). They've also have run some homophobic material in their zine.

At the moment, we in NYC are taking a neutral position on the UF. We plan on continuing to correspond with them, as sections of the UF seem to be genuinely anti-racist and interested in stomping boneheads. Basically, we're taking a "wait and see" position, and we'd like to hear from RASH skins in other cities about your experiences with the UF, what you think of them and how you feel we should relate to them.



RAISE YOUR VOICE!

MAYDAY was contacted by a writer for the VILLAGE VOICE who said they'll be running a piece on anti-racist skins in the near future. They're looking to interview skins, especially ones knowledgeable in skinhead history who know what they're talking about. Anyone interested should write to us and we'll pass your name along.



PROJECTS IN THE WORKS

Here in NYC, we've been brainstorming ideas on how to move RASH forward, to develop some sort of strategy & get organized. That's found form in a few projects we have in the pipeline for the Fall:

-**RASH DECISIONS ZINE**-We're spending the Summer compiling the first issue of RASH DECISIONS. We hope RD can become a quarterly skinhead fanzine to cover Red & @ politics, news, music, fashion, etc. Zines are an extremely important forum in political and skinhead culture, and we'd like to make RD a place for us to argue ideas, keep people updated on the struggle and use it as a "pole of attraction" for skins interested in radical left politics. Already planned are sections for letters, debating, interviews, news, reviews, & contacts. We'll even be putting together sections on tattoos, scooters, tape trading, fashion and graffiti! All those interested in contributing, please write to us in NYC as soon as possible. (The first issue should be out by Nov., 1993)

-**PINS, PATCHES & SHIRTS**-We have plans to produce RASH pins, patches and T-Shirts for the Fall, & have gotten in touch with several merchandisers. First up will be the RASH three-arrow symbol pin, which we hope to have ready by next newsletter (cost is anticipated at $1.ea post-paid). Patch and T-Shirt designs should be available by late December (probably much sooner), and we hope to have more detailed information in the next update. Anyone with artwork or design ideas, please get in touch.

-**TAPE COMPS.**-As advertised in our first mailing, we are putting together tapes of skinhead music (under the name STAY TRUE) to include Redskin Oi! bands, 60's soul, & Ska/Skinhead Reggae (all eras). Each tape will compile the bands hard & not so hard to find material with a cover & song listing. If possible, we will also put together band info/bios, graphics, discographies and any other pertinent information (the problem is that much of this info. is very hard to track down). We're asking all those skinhead historians and record archivists to write. Bands planned so far are:The REDSKINS, ANGELIC UPSTARTS, The OPPRESSED, RED ALERT, RED LONDON, the BLAGGERS, OI POLLOI (early material), COMRADE, The NEUROTICS, The BURIAL, 60's Soul and Ska stuff, plus many more. Hopefully, this will be a way to generate cash for RASH, and may be the first step to getting a RASH record label off the ground. We'd like to repress all this obscure redskin music, and put together a compilation of RASH bands. (First tape set to be released in November 1993)

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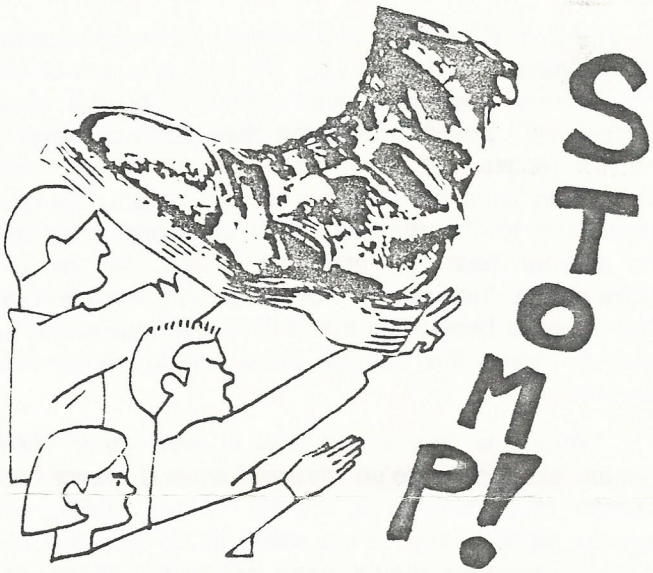
-**STICKERS**-The MAYDAY crew has put together 15 RASH sticker designs, and the first batch we made went like hotcakes. At the moment, we're trying to get a printer to make up some more, and we hope to sell them in bulk as a way to generate funds, and spread the word that RASH exists. For the time being though, people can get photocopies of the designs to make up their own stickers locally for $.25 + $.29 postage. to the NYC address.

-**RASH PLANNING MEETING/GATHERING**-Yes folks, it's coming! We've been discussing holding a RASH weekend here in NYC. We'd like this to include workshops, a general planning meeting, a dancehall, a show (several local Ska bands have already committed) and a picnic (if weather permits). The meeting will hopefully be held over Winter vacation in late December/early January. Information on the site, date, etc. will only be available from us in NYC (for security reasons, to keep out boneheads, etc.). Non-skinhead observers are also welcome to attend, though accommodations will go to skins first. All those interested, please write and send a SASE.



MEDIA WATCH

Our files are growing on skinheads in the alternative & mainstream media. In order to get this information out & to raise funds, we will now be photocopying these articles for anyone interested (the cost is $.10 per page + $.29 postage for each 5 pages). Again, we ask that people continue sending us any local media on skinheads (of all varieties) in order to keep our archives current. The articles we currently have are:

-"The Other Side of Skinheads" DOWNTOWN 2/22/89 (2 pgs.)

-"These Skinheads Aren't Racist" SASSY 12/91 (3 pgs.)

-"R.A.R. Rocks America" Source Unknown 4/79 (2 pgs.)

-"Skinheads:Racist Monsters or Survivors in a Bleak World?" NEW YOUTH CONNECTIONS 3/89 (2 pgs.)

-"Skinheads:Psycho Killers on the Loose" WORKER'S VANGUARD 11/88 (3 pgs.)

-"Anti-Racist Skinheads Ready to Strike Back at Neo-Nazis" UTNE READER Date Unknown (1 pg.)

-"Skinheads Head List of Gaybashers, Report Says" NY DAILY NEWS Date Unknown (1989) (1 pg.)

-"Not All Music of the Disaffected is Neo-Nazi" NY TIMES 12/20/92 (1 pg.)

-"Beating Tour Puts Skinheads in High Court" Source Unknown 7/22/92 (1 pg.)

-"The Battle of Waterloo" SELECT Date Unknown (5 pgs.)

-"Neo Nazis:A Chaos in the Head" NEW YORKER Date Unknown (17 pgs.)

-"Stars & Stripes Forever" VILLAGE VOICE 7/5/93 (1 pg.)

-"Skinhead Nation:The Racist Right's Terrifying Youth Movement" ROLLING STONE 12/1/88 (9 pgs.)

-"Europeans Look For Ways To Bar the Door to Immigrants as Tensions Rise" NY TIMES 12/29/91 (1 pg.)

-"Skinheads on the Rampage" NEWSWEEK 9/7/87 (1 pg.)

-"With Ready Fists and Rage, Britain's Skinheads Alarm an Already Troubled Nation" TIME Date Unknown (1981) (2 pgs.)

-"Police, Media Outnumber Marchers" Source Unknown Date Unknown (1 pg.)

-"Gay Killer:I Didn't Mean to Kill" NEWSDAY 11/9/91 (1 pg.)

-"4 Skinheads Arrested" DAILY NEWS 10/31/88 (1 pg.)

-"4 Held in PATH Fight, and Cameras Get Credit" NY TIMES 10/31/88 (1 pg.)

-"B'Nai B'rith:Anti-Semitic Incidents Up 12% in '89" DAILY NEWS Date Unknown (1 pg.)

-"Swastikas, Skinheads & Stupidity..." BAY NEWS 9/25/89 (3 pgs.)

-"Young White Racists" SASSY 3/89 (7 pgs)

-"Neo-Nazi Activity is Arising Among U.S. Youth" NY TIMES Date Unknown (1988) (1 pg.)

-"Tomorrow Belongs to Me:Skinheads and Neo-Nazis on the Rise in the New Germany" VILLAGE VOICE 12/3/91 (9 pgs.)

-"Geraldo Bloodied in TV Riot" NY POST 12/4/88 (2 pgs.)

-"'Soldiers of the Race War' Infiltrates Frontline of Alabama Skinhead Outfit" THE STAR-LEDGER 5/4/93 (1 pg.)

-"Skinhead Violence Grows, Experts Say" NY TIMES 7/18/93 (1 pg.)

-"A Chilling Wave of Racism" TIME 1/25/88 (1 pg.)

-"Study Says Skinheads Most Violent Racists" Source Unknown Date Unknown (1 pg.)

-"Today Los Angeles, Tomorrow..." TIME 7/26/93 (1 pg.)

-"U.S.:Young Plotters in L.A. Linked to Older Hate Groups" CHICAGO TRIBUNE 7/19/93 (1 pg.)

-"Skinheads Down Under" WELCOMAT 7/28/93 (1 pg.)

-"Of Skinheads High on Hate and Violence" NY TIMES Date Unknown (1 pg.)

-"Skinheads. Protesters Clash" THE SHADOW 7/89 (1 pg.)

WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT US

Our efforts at outreaching to the progressive media has started to pay off. Although none of the more established (mainstream?) venues have given us a place to spout off, we have received attention in the following:

-BLACK & RED #6 July/Aug. 1993 Pg.11

-WILDCAT (Bulletin of Bay Area IWW)-April 1993, Pg.6)

-The TORCH (Newsletter of YPSL)-#15, Pg.4,5

-LOVE & RAGE-Vol.4,#3 Pg.1 (incl. photo)

-BEYOND THE FLOWERS #1-Pg.19 (incl. photo)

-INTERVIEW magazine-June 1993 Pg.120 (incl. photo)

-JERSEY ANARCHIST-#9 (May 1993) Pg.1

-TURNING THE TIDE (Publ. by PART)-V.6,#3 Pg.3

-TURNING THE TIDE-V.6 #4 Pg. 4

-FIFTH ESTATE V.28, #2 (342) Pg. 3

-SOMERVILLE COMMUNITY NEWS-We're not sure what issue)

-RACE TRAITOR-Summer 1993 Pg. 81

We thank all of the above for their support. If you know of any other places RASH has been reported, please tell us and/or send copies. For copies of the above articles, send $.15 per article (please list which ones you'd like), + $.29 postage for every 5 pages.

LOCAL REPORTS

-New York City-August 1993

Besides attending the National March on Washington for Queer liberation, going to the Mid-Atlantic @ Gathering, putting out this update and the other projects we're involved in (see "Projects in the Works" section), MAYDAY has continued to meet regularly on Saturday nights, to discuss business and have a laugh.

Since the last update, we've initiated a few new members into our crew who have become active. We've also attracted a group of non-skinhead friends who regularly hang out with us, help with whatever work needs to be done (from folding mailings to stomping boneheads) & give us support.

On April 22, a member of MAYDAY spoke at a forum on "Neo-Nazis and Anti-Fascism in Europe and the U.S." held by the Libertarian Book Club (Libertarian Socialists and Anarchists, not associated with the Libertarian Party right-wing capitalist goons!). The forum was well-attended by over 30 people, and featured a presentation and question/answer session. Dialogue included discussion of why the working-class should fight fascism, and how we can motivate people to do so in our own communities.

In May, three members of MAYDAY met with the Raritan-New Brunswick Greens (associated with the Left Green network) and did a short presentation on RASH. The response was positive, & we made some new local contacts.

Finally, on a not-so-successful note, upon returning from the April 25th March on Washington, we contacted OUTWATCH (the Lesbian and Gay Anti-Violence Patrol, formerly known as the PINK PANTHERS) and offered to go out on a solidarity patrol (since NYC skins have been particularly brutal gaybashers). We had discussed the plan with a member of OUTWATCH in DC, and he thought it was an excellent idea. Unfortunately, when it was brought before the group as whole, the reaction was less than positive. People accused us of attempting to infiltrate OUTWATCH so we could attack them, said we might be attempting to co-opt OUTWATCH for some political party (which one?), and accused us of being responsible for bashing because we're skinheads (Talk about stereotyping!). We wrote OUTWATCH members a letter of support, and explained our position. We told them that we understood, though did not agree with their position, but that this incident did not waver our commitment to standing by our Queer brothers and sisters. (For a copy of the letter, send $.25 + SASE)

NYC is moving forward at a steady pace. For the Fall we have a new "offensive" planned and we're optimistic about the outcome.

-Mayday Crew NYC

-Bogota, Colombia-June 1993

Oi! Oi!

We are the skins at Resistencia Redskin from Bogota, Colombia. We've received the initial call for a Red & Anarchist Skin Head network and we've decided to become LOCAL CONTACTS into RASH. Here's our first local update.

We will release the "REAL SKINHEADS AREN'T RACIST" pamphlet in Spanish. We hope it will be in June/July. In any case it will be in our zine EL PERRO ROJO #6 (out by June 21)

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We're about 8 serious redskins, and now two other groups (about 15) will possibly join us.

Nazi boneheads are organizing here since February. They've formed the GRAE (Boneheads Anti-Foreigners Group), and they've attacked queers, foreigners and hairy metallers. They've threatened us. They're armed with .38 guns and so. The local mainstream media had covered them as good boys helping the cops with their dirty work. National Socialist Movement is supporting and financing them.

The notorious REA (Reject Animal Exploitation) have been talking with us about forming a SHARP chapter, but lately they're in pact with GRAE. Now REA are too nationalists, so we don't want unity with these idiots.

Fascist activities here have a long history with the involvement of Army and Police officers in death squads activities. Ideological fascist activities are into extreme right wing movements as Tradicion, Familia Y Propiedad (Tradition, Family and Property). Anti-guerrillas intelligence operations are often based in fascist groups.

We have been in the Mayday demonstration with a banner reading "Fascists Will Not Pass" (Los Fascistas No Pasaran). The banner artwork was a boot kicking a swastika and the symbol we've produced for RASH (see bottom of update)

Our projects as a Rash local contact:

-EL PERRO ROJO ZINE:a zine for RASH skins, quarterly, about music, culture and politics (#6 will be out in June '93)

-ASIMBONANGA:A monthly free multicultural minizine for Bogota focusing on reviews, events and anti-racism (#2 will be out in June)

-PROLETKULT distro-A non-profit distribution service for left-wing skinheads:zines, records, tapes, pins, patches, shirts, etc.

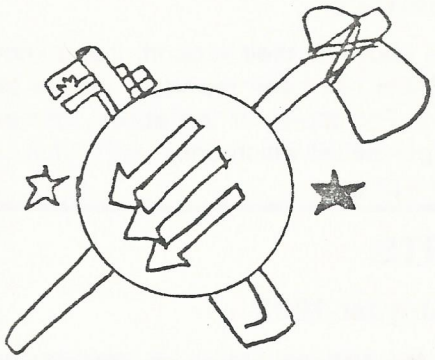
-SOCIAL EVENTS-Together with MASCA-TELA cultural group, we plan to do a "RUMBA SKA" each month, low cost. We trying to organize activities at some bars, etc.

-OTHER STUFF-We'd like to do a record label, organize shows, participate in protest, etc.

-SOLIDARITY-We are doing the CRUZ ROTA bulletin. Remember ABC, but it's not only for anarchist prisoners.

We ask from you:Send us any info you think would be of interest to us (especially on the fascists), clippings on skins in the newspapers, & copies of anything that you put out.

-Resistencia Redskin



BONEHEAD UPDATES

All the following information was sent to RASH through letters or phone calls from contacts and sympathizers. Before reprinting, all material should be verified and double-checked, as not all may be completely accurate or current. For security reasons, we will list people by initials, not their full names. This section will be run each update.

-LOS ANGELES, CA-We assume everyone has heard about the Fourth Reich Skinheads in Los Angeles being arrested for plotting to bomb a black church and murder Rodney King and other notable members of the Black Community in order to "start the race war". This was followed a week later by the arrests of 2 boneheads from the AMERICAN FRONT who were plotting to kill rappers Ice Cube and Ice-T in San Francisco. Hopefully, such arrests and news of widespread FBI infiltration and infighting will set back the white supremacists. Don't count on it, though. Rats are excellent at breeding even in the most squalid conditions.

-SIMI VALLEY, CA-(Feb 26, 1993)-"I was just in Simi Valley to counter-protest the Klan supporting the officers who beat Rodney King. The Klan didn't show, but there was one bonehead that showed up like an idiot, we proceeded to kick his ass. He sped away in his car after we kicked that in too. It was a fun day!-J."

-TAMPA, FLORIDA-(May 28, 1993)-"I'm sad to announce that my views are not shared by my skinhead counterparts here on the southern city of Tampa. To them political reform means Sieg Heil? White Power? There are about 30 loosely knit kids who gather at all the major shows-they range from ages 14-17 and are mostly recruited by the few remaining adult skinheads from the Ian and Scott McGee era. Ian and Scott were two brothers who stabbed a black man to death. It was a highly publicized case in which one brother turned state's evidence against the other, they claimed they did it for their country but later one of the brothers recanted his story and turned state's evidence against his brother. I have been

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gathering info. & I hope to expose the lie of their so-called leaders (one of them happens to be a bouncer at the Ritz theater). There is no real opposition against them, so they gather at big shows and systematically pick out the weaker kids and jump them. Security always throws out the victims.-J.G."

-ATLANTA, GEORGIA-Apparently, David Lynch, an ex-AMERICAN FRONT skinhead based in Port St. Lucy, Florida, now with the CONFEDERATE HAMMER SKINS, advertised on his Hate Line that the week of July 12th would be "judgement day". He called for a week of attacks on "SHARP skins, ARA skins and COLORBLIND" (we have no idea what the last one means, other than a few old skinhead zines by that name). The attacks were to take place in 8 states and two provinces of Canada (including New York, California, & Florida). We haven't had any reports of skins being attacked, but it's interesting to note that July 12th was the same day the Fourth Reich Skins were arrested for their bombing plot. Hrrrm... (SOURCE:Neighbors Network)

-CHICAGO, IL-Clark Martell, ex-leader of the Chicago Aryan Skin Heads (CASH), and Romantic Violence is out of jail and is organizing unopposed in Chi-town. More news as we get it.

-KANSAS:HAR, HAR, HAR!(August 5, 1993)-We knew boneheads were stupid, but this takes the cake! We recently received a letter from a nazi skin in prison who thought we were racists! Apparently, Jeff Manis is in for 18-25 years for 2nd Degree Murder and three aggravated assaults. He sends us "Racial Greetings", tells us of the "solid whites in prison", and how he's surviving being around the "jew pigs and the scum". He finishes off the letter with "White Power-SS" and "Hammerskins for Victory" proving that the only thing thicker than the prison walls is Jeff's head! We're listing his address for those of you interested in writing to tell him what a loser he is:Jeff Manis 52526, Box 2 B-321, Lansing, KS 66043

-NEW JERSEY/PENNSYLVANIA-(April 21st 1993)-"Hey Bully Boys! ...As for white power activity in N.J.:

The Populist Party has been organizing in Central Jersey and running people for political office through out the State. Not that they've gotten anyone elected that I know of.

Racist/White Power is most obvious in South Jersey. The Klan is incredibly disorganized the last couple of years due to infighting. I've no solid facts;there hasn't been much activity lately.

There's a "religious" radio station that recently broadcast an interview with the founder of the Oregon Anti-Homosexual Group. He explained the 2 prong campaign the Religious Right is waging. First is the "Hand of Restraint", which is basically a campaign to "Stop the Gay Civil Rights Movement". Then there's the "Hand of Hope" which is to cure homosexuals and make them heterosexuals. It was quite fascinating.

Well, that's about it for now. I'll be in touch.-P.S."

(May 24, 1993)-"Hey Ho! ...Another News Flash. On Saturday June 12th there is to be a Nazi rally in (now get this) New Hope, PA (a tourist town with a large gay/lesbian population-ed.).

It's even got a theme. It's an "anti-Homo Nazi rally"!

Don't know exactly where or the time but my source is reliable. If I get more info I'll let you know. Later, XOXOXO-P.S."

-NEW YORK CITY-It seems the AMERICAN FRONT hateline in New York City has been shut down. We haven't heard anything lately from the scum, other than that they have been flashing guns in Long Island and attempting to act hard. The local media reported that white power literature and stickers were appearing in far off areas of Queens. In an unrelated incident, two high school seniors were arrested in Long Island for painting anti-semitic and racist slogans like "KKK Rules" and "All Jews Must Die" on the school track. The community had a vigil against racism a week later.

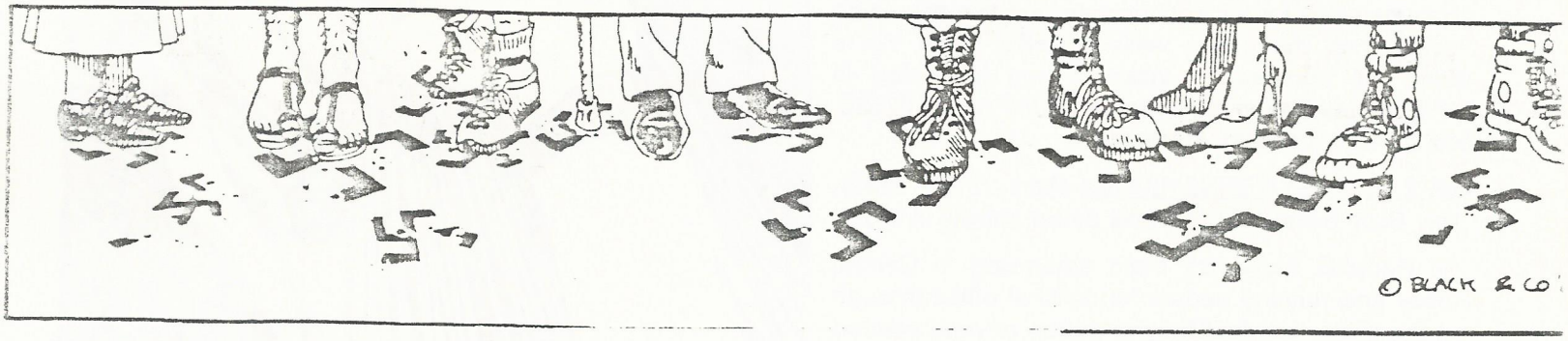
AND YET MORE BONEHEAD UPDATES

-CHARLOTTE, N. CAROLINA-(March 11, 1993)-"All the skins around here are either Racist or American Pride. There are a couple of different people trying to recruit kids for their nazi organizations. This guy John Presley moved here from Greensboro and all of a sudden these bald nazi fucks start coming out of the woodwork. Turns out to be a bunch of metalhead high school kids who don't know what they're talking about. None of them back up their shit unless there's 20 of them. Fuck them.-Q."

-CINCINNATI, OH-(July 30, 1993)-"We've had almost no Nazi problems at all in the last 3 or 4 years, and I really don't see that changing any now. It's not just skins they have to worry about fucking them up if they come down, though. They'll get hell from punks, skaters, street kids, even clubbers for Christ's sake. They really don't show their stiff little arms at all or else they'll just get terrorized. The few that have shown up have needed police escorts off the street-no shit!-R.B."

-PORTLAND, OR:ONE LESS BONEHEAD-On New Years Eve 1993, John, an ex-member of Portland SHARP (which had disbanded) was arrested for gunning down Eric Banks, the ex-singer of Minnesota bonehead band BOUND FOR GLORY in a parking lot in Portland, and blowing his head to pieces. Apparently, the ex-SHARP members were drinking and hanging out, when they decided to call a bonehead they'd stomped two nights before. He told them to meet him in a parking lot where the two groups would settle the score. But when the anti-racists showed up, they were outnumbered (about 25 to 5). They took off, but were chased along icy roads until they pulled into a quick-mart. The driver of the SHARP car got out to confront the nazis and was rammed by the truck driven by the boneheads. John apparently pulled out an SKS assault rifle to stop them from ramming the car again. One bonehead pulled out what appeared to be a gun, and John opened fire. Banks stuck his head up, and got it shot off. John has since had his trial and was sentenced to five years in prison. We're trying to track down his address, & want him to know we appreciate his sacrifice to the anti-racist struggle. And as for the bonehead, now he's "Bound for the Morgue" (har, har!).

-TORONTO, CANADA-The HERITAGE FRONT and the CHURCH OF THE CREATOR (COTC) have been doing some heavy organizing, including in some schools. We haven't received an update for a while from Anti-Racist Action-Toronto, but we hope to by next newsletter.



-OTTAWA, CANADA-The HERITAGE FRONT and COTC held a "Rock for Racism" at a local Boys & Girls club. There was a large counter-demonstration outside, but demonstrators were unable to shut the event down. Afterwards, the police allowed 75 boneheads and neo-nazis to march through the streets with baseball bats and clubs. They were confronted by 35-40 anti-racist activists (including some SHARP/RASH skins). Unfortunately, the nazis were more organized than the anti-racists and one anti-racist skinhead woman was set upon by 7 or more boneheads. She had her nose broken, and several nazis are currently on trial for the incident.

-FRANCE-(March 11, 1993)-"Here in Paris we have a lot of problems with the nazi boneheads from the Front National and its youth organizations such as the FNJ, GA, etc...Feb. 16, 1993 there were elections in Nanterre University and there was a nazi list of the CNEN/FNJ. A lot of students of Nanterre decided to boycott these elections. There was a riot between anti-fascists and so called "democratic republicans" who wanted in fact to protect the nazi list. But suddenly, the CNEN's fascists attacked some redskins with baseball bats, molotov cocktails and guns in the university. There was a violent fight between nazi boneheads and anti-nazi militants but quickly the CNEN boneheads were ejected from the place and some of them were arrested by the police. Some weeks before we received racist tracks from NSDAP-AO. But Nanterre University will never fall in the hands of right-wingers and we keep up the fight!-G.J."

-POLAND-(April 25, 1993-)"Frankly speaking in my town (and this situation is the same in all of Poland) all pseudo-skins are boneheads/racists/nationalists. They hate everybody who does not support them and love their SKREWDRIVER/KKK stuff.-M.Z."

-LISBON, PORTUGAL-(March 11, 1993)-"I have, along with most of my friends, become a "wanted" anti-nazi, as me, the redskin I told you about and 7 other guys scared the shit out of a nazi skin. Later, me along with about 40 guys told 4 nazis we didn't want them here (in Cascais, where we go at night). I guess they didn't like it and we know they're preparing a massive nazi raid in Cascais with nazis from everywhere coming to beat us up. They already started checking how many we are, where we hang out and stuff like that, so they know how many should come.

The Nazis are now becoming very active in painting walls, so we are also becoming prepared to paint over or change what they write (stuff like:"Portugal for Whites" becomes "Portugal for Whites and Blacks", "Blacks Die" becomes "Nazis Die"). They have also started to tag the trains and buses, so I always carry my markers with me everywhere.

Now good things about nazis-we know exactly where some of them live (we're saving this info for something special). The Blacks are becoming united to fight them (The active Blacks are the "zulus". They are homeboys and beat the shit out of the nazis). This is the best news:A guy went towards a nazi and said "You think you're really macho, don't you motherfucker" and went away. Some time after that guy comes back with his gang and beat the nazis up so hard that the nazi boss was put under a car where he stayed until the next morning because they thought he was dead! Then after the gang leaves, the pigs come, arrest the nazis and beat them. After they have been released, they regroup in the same place, but two of them are caught by 2 guys from the gang and get beaten again! One of the nazi bosses is on parole for breaking in and robbing another nazis house!

About 15 of them came to Cascais to get me and a friend, but I saw them when they were coming and we ran like hell. Good thing was that the Zulus we had talked to saw them and I guess they'll be preparing them a surprise.-G."

-SPAIN-Sadly, we received information from ATENEO LIBERTARIO & the CNT in Spain that an 18 year old skinhead from SHARP de Burgassot (Valencia) named Guillem Agullo was stabbed and killed in Montanejos (Castellon) by a nazi named Cuevas on March 11, 1993. The bonehead was apprehended, but that still doesn't bring back our dead comrade. We'd like to extend our sympathies to our friends in Spain, & we will try to have more information in RASH DECISIONS #1. Guillem will never be forgotten-the fascists will be run into the ground!

THE THREE R'S (RASH REQUIRED READING)

For those of you out there who say there's nothing to read in the Skinhead scene other than nazi garbage and Pro-Am crap, here is a list of some zines we recommend checking out:

-PERRO ROJO (Latest Iss. #5)-Excellent redskin zine from Colombia. Unfortunately it's all in Spanish, but it features articles on the history of Skins, organizing in communities, contact lists, a COMRADE interview and much more. Definitely essential reading (c/o Resistencia Redskin c/o D. Moreno A.A. 56385, Bogota 2 DC, Colombia)

-PMS (Latest Iss. #2)-PMS stands for "Political, Musical, Sexual" which is a pretty good representation of its contents. It's put out by an anarchist, queer skinhead from Boston (now in Britain), and it balances politics with skinhead culture and queer issues. Excellent reprints, photos, articles on anarchism, reviews, and a great, rude ska section. I imagine this mag would be a trip for the close-minded. (PMS P.O. Box 6121, Boston, MA 02114)

-CABLE STREET BEAT (Latest Iss. #5)-A magazine of Music Against Fascism, this zine is affiliated with Anti-Fascist Action, UK. It has some redskins involved in its staff, so there's a good focus on anti-racist skinhead music (Ska & Oi!), as well as covering other types of revolutionary music (the Blues, Irish folk, Hip-Hop, etc.). Also, good updates on what the boneheads are up to, interviews w/bands and music people and much more. Highly recommended. (P.O. Box 273, Forest Gate, London, UK)

-SKINHEAD TIMES (Latest Iss. #8)-This zine is not politically left-wing at all. If anything, it has the anti-racist, non-political (but nationalistic) view many skins hold. But, it is the most comprehensive place for information in the skinhead scene, from music to zines to social gatherings. For that reason, we recommend checking it out, but read with a critical eye. (S.T. Publishing, P.O. Box 12, Dunoon, Argyll PA23 7BQ Scotland, UK)

-SKIN By Pete Milligan and Brendan McCarthy (One-shot comic)-This is not a zine, rather it is a graphic novel-style comic book set in the late 1960's. The main character is Martin Hatchet, a skinhead who was the victim of Thalidomide (a drug given to pregnant women in the 1950's to stop mourning sickness which ended up causing horrible birth defects). The comic deals with Hatchet's exploits with his gang, girls, getting in fights, etc., and ends with him axe-murdering the head of a multi-national corporation (our hero!). This is well-written, well-drawn and the authors use to be skins, so they know their shit. (Tundra Publishing, available in comic specialty shops)

While there are many more zines in Skinhead-land worth picking up, we listed these because of their mix of radical left politics and music. For the most comprehensive list of non-political (but anti-racist) music oriented skinzines, pick up any issue of SKINHEAD TIMES. We will have more reviews in the first issue of RASH DECISIONS.

RED & ANARCHIST SKINHEADS

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Mayday Crew/RASH NYC
P.O. Box 365
Canal St.Sta.
New York, NY 10013-0365

RASH Twin Cities
P.O. Box 582032
Minn., MN 55458-2032

Steve c/o P.O. Box 1031
Mansfield, MA 02048

Grover c/o
P.O. Box19683
Cincinnati, OH 45219

CANADA

Ottawa RASH-SHARP
P.O. Box 4721 Sta. E
Ottawa, ONT
K1S 5H9 Canada

Ro c/o Hamilton ARA
P.O. Box 57069
Jackson Sta.
Hamilton, ONT
L8P4W9 Canada

COLOMBIA

Resistencia Redskin/RASH
Bogota
AA 56385
Bogota 2 DC
Colombia

SKINHEADS ROJOS Y ANARQUISTAS

SEND ALL MAIL FOR RASH UPDATE TO:

MAYDAY SKINS/ RASH-NYC P.O. BOX 365, CANAL ST. STA. NYC 10013-0365 U.S.A.

RESOURCES AVAILABLE FROM RASH

(For each 5 pages, please include a $.29 stamp)

-REAL SKINHEADS AREN'T RACIST! pamphlet-$.10 (1 pg.)

-Call for a RASH Network/RASH UPDATE #1-$.25 (2 pgs.)

-RASH UPDATE #2-$.25 (2 pgs.)

-Los Verdaderos Skins No Somos Racistas!-$.10 (1 pg.)

-What Do Capitalists Make?-$.10 (1 pg.)

-RASH Sticker Design Photocopies (not stickers) $.25 (2 pgs.)

-YOUNG NAZI KILLERS:1993 ADL Report on Skinheads ($2. + 2 stamps)

Subscriptions to the next 4 RASH Updates are available for $2. + 4 Stamps to the MAYDAY address.

As the RASH UPDATE expands, we are going to require more donations of stamps and money to help offset our costs. If you believe in what we're doing, put your money where your mouth is-Send us your loot! It will be greatly appreciated.

FOR NEXT MAILING...

We're currently trying to track down as much information as possible on British band The REDSKINS. This includes music, photos, addresses, graphics, lyrics, interviews, band information and anything else available.

We're also looking for any copies of ALERTE ROUGE, RUDE BOY/OCTUBRE, WAKE UP (UK) & HARD AS NAILS fanzines. We'll pay for photocopying costs & postage.

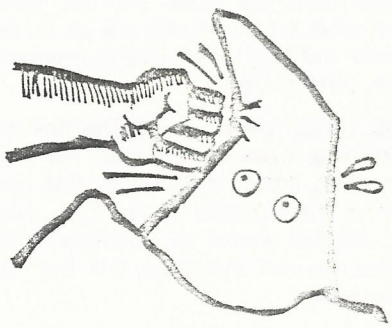
UPCOMING EVENTS

If you have any events you'd like listed, please send them in at least 6 weeks before they happen.

-SEPTEMBER 11, 1993: The KKK plans on marching in Chatanooga, TN for the first time in 6 years (when they were fiercely outnumbered and unable to march). There is going to be counter-actions, and an anti-racist planning conference will be held the same weekend in TN. For more info, call (212) 460-8390

-NOVEMBER 9, 1993: The LOVE & RAGE REVOLUTIONARY ANARCHIST FEDERATION is calling for a world-wide day of actions against fascists. Nov. 9th is Kristallnacht, the "night of broken glass", when Hitler's brownshirts ran wild in the streets and attacked Jews, Jewish businesses, etc. It's recognized as the start of the violent Nazi terror of the third Reich. In Europe (and to a lesser extent in the U.S.) it has become a traditional bonehead holiday, where they pull off racist/anti-semitic actions. This time, we want to strike back first. The plan is for people to organize spontaneous local actions against the fascists (use your imagination as to what will work). For more info:LOVE & RAGE P.O. Box 853, Peter Stuy Sta., NYC 10009 (212) 460-8390

-MAY 9,1994: The LOVE & RAGE REVOLUTIONARY ANARCHIST FEDERATION is calling for decentralized actions to "Tear Down the Borders"-against immigration controls and against anti-immigrant violence. The call is for actions at related sights such as INS sights, borders and sights of anti-immigrant attacks. For more info:LOVE & RAGE-Immigration Working Group P.O. Box 3606, Oakland CA 94609-0606



ANTI-RACIST & LEFT CONTACTS

List #2/May-August 1993

The following are groups/magazines which are working against racism, and for progressive change. Many of these groups have also demonstrated their willingness to work with anti-racist skinheads. We are attempting to remain non-partisan by listing groups from many aspects of the political spectrum (anarchist, trotskyist, etc.) and allowing you to make up your own mind on their politics. When writing for more info., please be sure and send a stamp or small donation. If there is a group not listed here that you think should be, please send us their address. This list will be updated each mailing.

UNITED STATES

Anarchist Youth Federation
P.O. BOX 365, CANAL ST. STA.
NYC 10013-0365
(Network of autonomous anarchist youth groups. Quite a few skins involved)

Black & Red c/o HILL
160 LEFFERTS AVE.
BROOKLYN, NY 11225
(Newsletter of the anarchist caucus of the Committees of Correspondence)

Black Panther News Service
P.O. BOX 519
BERKELEY, CA 94701-0519
(Radical Black activists, many of whom were members of the original BLACK PANTHER PARTY in the 1960's. Involved in prisoner support, local work & publish THE BLACK PANTHER)

Coalition for Human Dignity
P.O. BOX 40344
PORTLAND, OR 97240
(Left Coalition in Portland area combatting racism, and more recently proposed anti-gay laws)

Committees of Correspondence
11 JOHN ST. RM. 506
NEW YORK, NY 10038
(212) 233-7151
(A broad regroupment of various political tendencies, ranging from liberals to revolutionary anarchists. Dedicated to building a democratic radical left movement in the U.S.)

Communities Against Hate
458 Blair Blvd., Eugene, OR 97402
(Local anti-racist coalition which works with SHARP skins. Publish The RACEMIXER)

Center for Contemporary Activism
206 NW 7th, Corvallis, OR 97330
(Studies and supports current student/youth activist groups)

Center for Democratic Renewal
P.O. BOX 50469
ATLANTA, GA. 30302-0469
(404) 221-0025
(Monitors the racist right in the U.S. Excellent source of information, as well as speakers, pamphlets, etc. Publish the MONITOR)

Industrial Workers of the World
1095 MARKET ST. #204
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94103
(A revolutionary labor union made up of anarchists, socialists and non-aligned radicals. Been around since 1905, they also have an increasing number of left skins getting involved)

John Brown Anti-Klan Committee
220 9TH ST. #443
SAN FRANCISCO, CA. 94103
(415) 431-2339
(National anti-racist group with strong left politics.)

Love & Rage Revolutionary Anarchist Federation c/o PO BOX 3
PRINCE ST. STATION, NYC 10012
(Federation of radical North American anarchist/autonomist collectives. Publish a bi-monthly paper.)

Neighbors Network
1544 Piedmont Ave. #73
Atlanta, GA 30324
(Community based anti-racist network that works with skins)

Neither East Nor West c/o Bob McGlynn
528 FIFTH ST., BROOKLYN, NY 11215
(Collective which networks grassroots activists in the West and former Eastern Bloc)

Newark @ Group
P.O. BOX 5144, IRONBOUND STA.
NEWARK, NJ 07105
(Local @ collective involved in anti-racist and environmental work)

New Liberation News Service
P.O. BOX 325, KENDALL SQ. BRANCH-CAMBRIDGE, MA 02142 (Alternative news "wire" service which sifts through radical news and distributes it to those interested. Mostly based on college campuses)

Outpunk c/o P.O. BOX 170501
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94117
(Queer punk rock fanzine)

Outwatch c/o 70A GREENWICH AVE.
NEW YORK, NY 10011
(Lesbian and Gay patrol against bashing. Nationally known as the PINK PANTHERS)

Paterson @ Collective/Right to Existence
P.O. Box 8532
Paterson, NJ 07508-8532
(Local @ collective. Run a bookstore, & publish PLAIN WORDS)

People Against Racist Terror
P.O. BOX 1990
BURBANK, CA. 91507
(Publish TURNING THE TIDE, a roughly monthly anti-racist magazine. Probably the best debate and coverage of the anti-racist struggle currently available)

Race Traitor c/o P.O. BOX 603
CAMBRIDGE, MA. 02140
(A journal dedicated to destroying the concept of the "socially costructed white race" in the name of anti-racism)

Riot Grrrl
P.O. BOX 188, COOPER SQ. STA.
NEW YORK, NY 10003
(Wimmin's group dedicated to wiping out sexism in the alternative music scene. Publish RIOT GRRRL zine)

Saxifrage Group P.O. Box 18717
Denver, CO 80218
(Radical multi-tendencied collective involved in anti-racist work on the local level)

Socialist Party
516 W. 25th St. #404
NEW YORK, NY 10001
(A democratic socialist party. Do grassroots organizing and run political candidates. Feature an anti-racism working group.)

Southern Poverty Law Center/
KLANWATCH 400 WASHINGTON AVE.
MONTGOMERY, AL 36104
(Wage legal battles against racists to hurt them financially. Also publish excellent info. on the Klan)

Vietnam Veterans Against the War
P.O. BOX 408594, CHICAGO, IL 60640
(312) 327-5756
(Vietnam Vets group dedicated to abolishing militarism, racism and war. Fuck all that POW/MIA shit, these are the real vets who should be supported!)

Wind Chill Factor
P.O. BOX 81961
CHICAGO, IL 60681
(Roughly bi-monthly anarchist magazine)

Workers Solidarity Alliance
339 LAFAYETTE ST. #202
NEW YORK, NY 10012
(A class struggle anarchist-unionist group affiliated with the international Workers Association. Publish WORKERS SOLIDARITY and IDEAS & ACTION)

CANADA

Anti-Racist Action-Toronto
P.O. BOX 664, STA. C
TORONTO, ONT
M6J 3S1 CANADA
(Local anti-racist group very active in high school organizing)

Arm the Spirit c/o WILD SEED PRESS
P.O. BOX 57584, JACKSON STA.
HAMILTON, ONT
L8P 4X3 Canada
(An autonomist journal with good coverage of left armed resistance groups)

UNITED KINGDOM

Anti-Fascist Action c/o BM BOX 1734
LONDON WC1N 3XX UK
(Radical left anti-fascist coalition with a good focus on fighting fascists on the street and in working class communities. Very democratic mix of various political tendencies)

Cable Street Beat C/O BOX 273
FOREST GATE
LONDON, U.K.
(A zine of music against fascism with strong coverage of the anti-racist skinhead scene. Affiliated with Anti-Fascist Action)

Class War P.O. BOX 467
LONDON E8 3QX U.K.
(Class struggle anarchist group. Very accessible politics, and they publish a hilarious paper)

Counter-Information c/o 11 FORTH St.
EDINBURGH EH1 UK
(Monthly news sheet with radical news-anti-fascism, prisoner support and more)

Red Action c/o BM BOX 37
LONDON WC1 3XX U.K.
(Trotskyist political party, with strong street militancy and Irish immigrant participation)

Searchlight
37B NEW CAVENDISH ST.
LONDON W1M 8JR UK
(Anti-racist magazine with good counter-intelligence info. on British nazis)

UK Resist c.o P.O. BOX 244A
SURBITON, SURREY, KT5 9LU UK
(British punk-anarchist zine, with strong Oil music coverage)

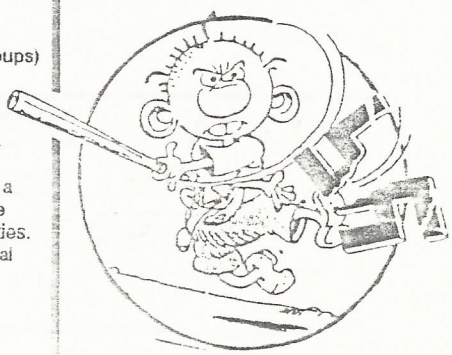
FRANCE

PADI (Apache) c/o BP 232
95624 PARIS
CEDEX 13, FRANCE
(Radical left anti-racist collective and publication in French)

Reflex
14 RUE DE NATEUIL
75015 PARIS, FRANCE
(Anti-racist activist group)

SPAIN

CNT c/o APDO. 282
48080 BILBAO, ESPANA
(Anarcho-syndicalist union with strong history of anti-fascist work)



10 WAYS NON-SKINHEADS CAN SUPPORT R.A.S.H. IN OUR STRUGGLE AGAINST FASCISM, IGNORANCE & BIGOTRY

A Flier for Those Who Like Hair, But Hate Boneheads!

So, you're not a skinhead, but you're committed to fighting racism (and other social ills), and you think the idea of the RASH network is cool. You want to get more involved, but quarter-inch hair, boots and braces aren't exactly you're style. We've compiled this list of ten ways you can help support RASH skins in the struggle against racism and fascism:

1-Educate yourself on who the local organized racists are (the KKK, W.A.R., Church of the Creator, American Front, etc.). Find out where they live, what their names are, where they hang out, get photos and any other information you can on them. Send it to us, and help build our counter-intelligence files.

2-Get your hands on bonehead literature, and send it to us. Copies of their publications, fliers, pamphlets, etc. often help us to figure out what their next step will be. Information is power, and the more we know about the enemy the better we can fight them.

3-Monitor racist musical activity in your area. Find out what record stores carry racist releases and organize a campaign to get such material out of the shops. Make sure clubs won't book bonehead bands. Support musical groups which take a stand against racism, sexism, homophobia, etc.

4-Send us newspaper and magazine clippings anytime you see skinheads (of all varieties) mentioned in the media.

5-Educate yourself on the real history of the skinhead subculture (its united, multi-racial, working class background). When you see the media slandering skinheads, write them and let them know that not all skins are racist, and some are even politically progressive. Write letters to the editor & call TV stations to complain.

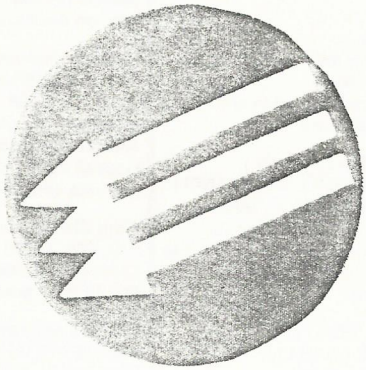
6-Join a local anti-racist group, or form your own. Build the anti-racist movement in your community through leaflets, spraypaint, publications, stickers, etc. Organize people against racism and for righteous causes (abortion rights, against attacks on the working class, for housing, etc.)

7-Subscribe to the RASH UPDATE and other RASH publications. Keep up on what we're about (the UPDATE is available for $2.00 + 4 stamps for 4 issues). Copy our literature, and distribute it in your community. Pass our address on to folks you think might be interested in our activities.

8-Get in touch with the RASH group closest to you. They will keep you updated on local events & their activities.

9-Monetarily support the RASH network. We need people who can offer us free/low cost printing & photocopying. We also require money for postage, organizing events, bail funds, and we need places to have our meetings/gatherings. Remember:the boneheads have powerful financial backers in the form of developed racist groups (the KKK, WAR, etc.) and racist businesspeople. If we are to succeed in out-organizing them, it's going to cost us, and we'll need help footing the bill.

STOMP OUT RACISM



10-Physically support the RASH network. Volunteer to help us with folding/putting together mailings, organizing workshops, wheatpasting, leafletting, etc. Attend anti-fascist demonstrations. If you're up to it, go on anti-bonehead patrols with RASH skins and stomp the nazis. When they can't walk the streets, they can't organize, spread their messages of hate and attack queers, immigrants, minorities, anti-racists, etc.

These are just some of the ideas we've had. If you can think of others, please write to us and we'll add them to our list. Solidarity for strength! Unity for Action!

MAYDAY SKINS/RASH-NYC
P.O. Box 365
CANAL ST. STA.
NEW YORK, NY 10013-0365

Local Contact: